

Amendments to the Specification:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0050] as follow:

[0050] --The conductive particulates include, for example, metals, such as Pd, Pt, Ru, Ag, Au, Ti, In, Cu, Cr, Fe, Zn, Sn, Ta, W, and Pb, or borides, such as HfB₂, ZrB₂, LaB₆, CeB₆, YB₄, and GdB₄, or carbides, such as TiC, ZrC, HfC, TaC, SiC, and WC, or nitrides, such as TiN, ~~ZrH~~, ZrN and HfN, or semiconductors, such as Si and Ge, or carbon. An appropriate one can be selected from among the above. --